



**TOWN OF FREETOWN**

**Finance Committee**

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**Minutes of**

**MEETING: 6:30 PM Monday October 18, 2021**

**Freetown-Lakeville Middle School, 96 Howland Road, Lakeville MA**

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Call to order 6:30 PM

Present – Gary Martin - chair, Christine Dupras, Margaret French, Emily-Anne Dors, Kent Wilkins

Absent – Robert Alderson, Katie Calheta

In attendance: Moderator Mike McCue

Motion by Kent, seconded by Emily-Anne, to recommend Article 5 on the Special Town Meeting Warrant to fund the first year costs of the collective bargaining agreement with the Dispatchers Union in the amount of \$17,414.46. Unanimous. Yes: Gary, Christine, Margaret, Emily-Anne, Kent.

Christine asked why the Fire Chief's salary increase was included in the first year costs of the collective bargaining agreement with the Firefighters Union. Mike explained that, though the Chief is not a union employee, his contract ties his salary to the salary of one of the union firefighters.

Motion by Christine, seconded by Emily-Anne, to recommend Article 7 on the Special Town Meeting Warrant to fund the first year costs of the collective bargaining agreement with the Clerical Union in the amount of \$29,216.54. Unanimous. Yes: Gary, Christine, Margaret, Emily-Anne, Kent.

Motion by Margaret, seconded by Christine, to recommend Article 8 on the Special Town Meeting Warrant to fund the first year costs of the collective bargaining agreement with the Highway Union in the amount of \$16,705.38. Unanimous. Yes: Gary, Christine, Margaret, Emily-Anne, Kent.

Gary explained that the minutes of 9/9/21, which had been previously adopted pending revisions, had been substantially revised. It was agreed that it would be appropriate to vote again to accept them. Motion by Kent, seconded by Emily-Anne, to adopt the minutes from 9/9/21 as revised. Unanimous. Yes: Gary, Christine, Margaret, Emily-Anne, Kent.

Motion by Christine, seconded by Kent, to approve the request to transfer \$8795.00 from the Reserve Fund to the Treasurer/Tax Collector PFT – Salary/Wages: Treasurer Wages. An explanation from the Town Accountant answered the questions about this that were raised at our meeting on 10/7/21.

Motion by Christine, seconded by Margaret, to adjourn at 8:40 pm. Unanimous. Yes: Gary, Christine, Margaret, Emily-Anne.

Minutes prepared by Gary Martin